(b) what is the number of tourists from India and Soviet Union who visited each other's country during the last three years; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to boost tourist traffic between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The number of tourists who visited India from Soviet Union during the last 3 years are as given below:

Tear	Number	%change
1985	14,202	—
1986	17,069	20.2
1987	27,968	63.9
1988 January-June	16,334	37.5*

*As compared to the corresponding period of previous year Statistics of Indian tourists visiting different countries including Soviet Union are not being compiled. Shortage of hotel capacity in India has not adversely effected the inflow of tourists from Soviet Union to India as is evident from the rising trend of tourist arrivals.

(c) The Festival of India held in USSR and the Festival of USSR held in India are expected to give a big boost to tourist traffic between the two countries. In adition tourism seminars have been organised both in USSR and India to strengthen tourism ties between the two countries. Production of publicity literature and training of guides in Russian language, and setting up of Indian restaurants in Soviet Union to popularise Indian cuisine are some of the measures taken for increasing the flow of tourist traffic from USSR to India.

Sailing of the vessel Sanjeevani

2305. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ascertained the exact cause of the sailing of the vessel 'Sanjeevani' from the Cochin Shipyard recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed for such losses; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) S. S. SANJEEVANI, a transhipper owned by M/s. Salgaocar & Bros. underwent repairs at Cochin Shipyard. After undergoing extensive repairs, the ship left the Cochin Shipyard on 20th October, 1988

(c) & (d) The Hon'ble Member is presumably referring to the loss suffered by Cochin Shipyard in the repair work. The decision to accept the shiprepair order was taken by a negotiating committee consisting of GM(Works), GM(Finance), CM(SRO), CM(Commercial), CM(Finance) and DM(Commercial) of CSL and was taken at a time when the Shipyard's facilities were under-utilised. In view of this, no action against any officer has been taken for incurring a lossin the shiprepar work.

Birla Institute of Technology Mesra, Ranchi

2396. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government grants have been extended to Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi for post